

UNITED STATES TO ACT

WILSON CANCELS CABINET MEETING

Secretary Tumulty Issued a Statement on Newest Phase of the Submarine Crisis.

SENATORS READY TO SPEAK

Secretary Lansing Instructed to Keep the President Immediately Advised.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Official announcement that the government will act in the newest phase of the submarine crisis brought on by the sinking of the Persia was made today at the White House.

Secretary Tumulty issued this statement for the president:

"The president and the secretary of state are taking every means possible to obtain the cold facts in this grave matter, and will act just as soon as the information is obtained."

In the absence of detailed and specific information on which to base the next step, President Wilson cancelled the cabinet meeting, which was to have been held today, but conferred with Chairman Stone and some members of the Senate foreign relations committee. Chairman Stone told the president there were intimations that some senators were preparing to make speeches on the sinking of the ships with loss of American lives. The president is understood to have simply replied that the administration was doing all it could to protect American rights.

The president instructed Secretary Lansing to bring immediately to the White House any new information which came to hand and then busied himself reading the official despatches so far received and getting in touch generally with the administration.

The administration is depending largely on the inquiries which Ambassador Penfield has been instructed to make at Vienna and that which consuls are gathering elsewhere to establish the nationality of the submarine, which is said to have sunk the Persia and to develop the facts in the case generally.

SOJA BEAN IS GIVEN SOME PROMINENCE

In Great Britain as a Result of Food Blockade against Germany.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Discussion of the food blockade against Germany has served to bring attention to the merits of the soja bean, which is given up more than twenty-five per cent of the cultivated area in Manchuria. Although the soja is well known and highly regarded in Germany and the Scandinavian countries and is now the second on the list of China's exports, it has hitherto achieved small general reputation in the English-speaking countries, and even the latest dictionaries dismiss it with the brief description: "In Asiatic leguminous herb, Glycine soja, the seeds of which are used to prepare sauce called soy."

Although the Chinese have used the soja bean extensively for at least two thousand years, the first important shipment to Europe was made in 1908, by a British firm. The Germans almost immediately began to experiment with it and five years later were using the major part of an importation estimated at over \$200,000 a year.

The secret of the soja bean is its universal usefulness. A British government report gives the following list of soja products: "vegetable food (like marrowfat peas); soups; meat substitute; chocolate substitute; macaroni preparation; flour; artificial milk; cheese; coffee substitute; artificial horn, biscuit and food for diabetic patients; sauce, meal for cattle, oil, oil-cake for fodder, fertilizer bean-cake."

The same report points out that the oil from the bean is used in the manufacture of the following articles: "dynamite and high explosives; soaps, margarine, paints, varnishes, toilet powder, waterproof cloth, paper umbrellas and lanterns, salad oil, lubricants, lamp oil, preservative for sardines, substitute for lard."

The pod of the soja is about two inches in length and the plant has an erect stem two or three feet high. There are three principal varieties of the bean—yellow or huan-tung, green or ching-tung and black or wuton. The yellow contains more nutritive ingredients than the others, and this is the variety almost exclusively used for export. The quantity of oil extracted from the beans runs as high as nineteen per cent of the total weight.

IS RECOVERING.

Mrs. Columbia E. Thorn, of Arbutus Park, is convalescing from a two weeks' severe illness from influenza.

LOUIS HARCOURT, NEW VICEROY OF INDIA, HAS AMERICAN WIFE



Mr. and Mrs. Louis V. Harcourt.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Louis V. Harcourt, who has resigned his place in the cabinet as first commissioner of works to become viceroy of India, has been one of the most popular members of the present British cabinet. He has won a reputation as a brilliant speaker, his utterances being characterized by originality and sparkling wit. He is the oldest son of the late Sir William Harcourt; is 52 years old, and was educated at Eton. He was often called "the best dressed man in parliament."

Mrs. Harcourt was Miss Mary Ethel Burns, daughter of the late Walter Burns, of New York, and a niece of J. Pierpont Morgan. Their marriage took place in 1890. Mrs. Harcourt is a tall, goodlooking woman, with dark hair, fine eyes and much of American character and bright intelligence. She is fond of music and is described as a great social favorite. Nuneham, the home of the Harcourts, is one of the most beautiful places in England. Built on the banks of the river, it has an extensive park, famed for its woods, through which are several miles of pleasant winding walks.

EXPECTED SENATE'S ATTACK ON WILSON POLICY NOT MADE

DERBY'S FIGURES

Show the Number of Married and Single Men Enlisted under His Plan.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Lord Derby's recruiting figures for the period between October 23 and December 15 show that 1,150,000 unmarried men and 1,479,263 married men presented themselves for service.

Of the grand total of 2,629,263 married and single men, 103,000 unmarried and 112,431 married men enlisted immediately. 840,000 single men and 1,344,979 married men were rejected, while 221,863 married men were not accepted by the recruiting officers.

SIMON RESIGNS.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—An announcement was made in the House of Commons today of the resignation of Sir John Simon, secretary of state for home affairs.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

John Molter and Clarence Smith, charged with burglarizing the home of Lee Wheelock in the East End recently, waived examination before Magistrate Jackson V. Carter Monday evening and were held for the criminal court grand jury. Molter furnished a \$500 bond and was released, but Smith was sent back to jail.

GRANT DESCRIBES SINKING OF PERSIA

Only American Survivor of the Catastrophe Says It Was a Horrible Scene.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Jan. 4.—Charles Grant, of Boston, one of the two Americans known to have been on board the British steamship Persia when it was torpedoed in the Mediterranean has arrived in Alexandria. Mr. Grant, so far as is known, is the only American from whom can come the story of the Persia's sinking. He gave to the Associated Press today the most detailed account yet received of the disaster.

"I was in the dining saloon of the Persia at 1:05 p. m.," he said. "I had just finished my soup and the steward was asking what I would take for my second course when a terrific explosion occurred. The saloon became filled with smoke, broken glass and steam from the boilers, which appeared to have burst. There was no panic on board. We went on deck as though we were at drill, and reported at the lifeboats on the starboard side. As the vessel had listed to port, I clung to the railing. The last thing done was to tie on Captain Sprickly's life belt."

"As the vessel was then listing so badly that it was impossible to launch the starboard boats I slid down the starboard rail into the water. I got caught in a rope which pulled off a shoe, but I broke loose and climbed on some floating wreckage to which I clung."

"The last I saw of the Persia it had its bow in the air five minutes after the explosion."

"After floating about on the wreckage until 4 o'clock in the morning I saw five boats. I was pulled into one of them. We rode about looking for other stragglers."

The boat became overloaded and the occupants became redistributed. Four boats were tied together by their painters and the fifth followed some distance away.

The boats became overloaded and to search the more frequented steamship channels for help. We rode for three hours and then we saw a cruiser and called out: 'We are English.' We explained that we were survivors of the Persia and gave directions to the cruiser as to where the other boats were. They were soon found and the occupants taken off immediately by the English sailors."

"Robert McNeely, American consul at Aiden, sat at the same table with me on the voyage. He was not seen probably because his cabin was on the port side."

"It was a horrible scene. The water was black as ink. Some passengers were screaming, others were calling out goodbye."

NEW FIREMAN.

"There will be no fires in Clarkburg the next few days," declared Dorsey L. Davis, fire department engineer Tuesday morning, and he settled back with a self-satisfied air. Some one asked him how he knew. The fact is he did not know and he was not even thinking of fires when he made the declaration. Instead his mind was on a visit of the stork to his home on Virginia street at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning when an eight-pound bouncing boy arrived there. The Telegram predicts the youngster will be fire chief some of these days.

NO LOSS OF LIFE IS A KNOWN FACT

ORDINANCE

Relating to Shading of Automobile Headlights is to Be Enforced.

The city ordinance requiring that headlights on automobiles, street cars and other vehicles be properly shaded or dimmed is to be rigidly enforced, according to announcement made by the police department Tuesday morning. It was said at the department that numerous complaints of violations of this ordinance had been received.

The majority of complaints, it was said, concerned automobiles, the traction company having conformed to the requirements of the ordinance some time ago.

The ordinance reads as follows:

Any vehicle, including street cars, carrying any acetylene, electric or other brilliant headlight, or if any headlight is intensified by any condensing lens in front of or at the side of the light or by any condensing reflector, the headlight shall be properly shaded or dimmed so as not to make it difficult or unsafe for others to ride, drive, or walk in the streets, alleys or public places of said city.

GREAT CROWD

Is Expected to Attend the Big Adamston Evangelistic Meeting Tonight.

A great congregation is expected at the evangelistic service in the Adamston Methodist Episcopal church tonight, when the Rev. George S. Baggett will preach another powerful sermon.

At 12:15 o'clock this afternoon the evangelist talked to an appreciative audience at the tin plate mills and he was invited to return there at the same hour Wednesday afternoon. The invitation was accepted. Upon comparing notes, it was discovered that the manager of the mill and the evangelist had worked in the same plant in England and the renewal of acquaintanceship was most touching.

Dr. Baggett has been through the school of hard knocks, having served as sailor, coal miner, steel worker and farmer. He was educated at Mt. Union College in Ohio after coming to this country.

The subject of tomorrow night's sermon will be "What Will You Do with Jesus?"

INSPECTION

Of Medical Departments of the State National Guard is to Be Made.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 4.—Inspection of the hospital corps of each regiment of the national guard and the adjutant general's headquarters in Charleston, by Major Ernest L. Ruffner, of the medical corps of the United States army, will be held early in February, according to the announcement of Adjutant General Bond today.

The inspection of the hospital corps of the Second regiment will be held at Bluefield, February 9; headquarters here will be inspected February 11; and the hospital corps of the First regiment will be inspected at Piedmont, February 14. A part of the time to be spent here by Major Ruffner will be devoted to a school of instruction for a number of medical officers.

ELKS WILL ENJOY BIG TURKEY FEAST

Along with a Fine Play at the Social Session of the Lodge Tonight.

Possibly the cleverest play ever presented at a social session of the Elks lodge is that to be given at tonight's social session in the auditorium of the Elks' home following the initiation of a large class into membership.

"The Return of Lem Littlefield or Weenie the Hound Dog's Revenge," a melodrama in one act, is the name of the play. The cast will be as follows:

Jonas Littlefield—a retired bootlegger.....S. E. Bentley
Mrs. Littlefield, his woman.....Emily, the daughter
Lem, their son.....Fleming Holden
Waco, an officer.....D. B. Williams
John and Clarence, minions of the law.

Synopsis—Christmas Eve—Wrapping the presents—the cry in the alley—the prodigal's return—the denunciation—"Ma, take his foot"—shots in the night—the revenues are out—"Grab him boys"—the union card—Weenie's revenge.

A large number of fine turkeys have been purchased by Fleming H. Holden, chairman of the social session, and prepared by Mrs. Florence Byers, a famous cook, for serving, and the banquet table will be laden as never before with pleasing edibles.

The lodge session will begin at 7:30 o'clock sharp and the annual roll call will be a feature. An old-time stunt will be put on in the initiation ceremonies and former officers of the lodge will be in the chairs and occupy other positions during the ceremonies.

JUDGMENTS

Are Taken in Two Cases Pending in the Circuit Court of the County.

Judgment for \$608.70 was given the Grafton Banking and Trust Company in the circuit court Tuesday against J. M. Orr and William G. Brown.

The International News Service took a judgment for \$1,069.05 against C. O. Fluharty trading as the Clarkburg Exponent.

In two suggestion proceedings by Everett Braas and Noah C. Furner against the Hope Natural Gas Company as garnishee, orders were entered directing payment of money due from James Mayers, execution debtor.

CONTRACT TO BE LET.

The contract for the construction of the twenty-one mile extension of railroad from Madison, Boone county, piercing the heart of a rich coal and timber territory, will be let by E. L. Cabell, at the Clarkburg and Ohio general offices, at Richmond, within the next few days. This extension is expected to bring a road from Madison, the Boone county seat.

All Other Particulars of Sinking of the Geelong Ship Are Not Yet Known.

HEAVY FIGHTING STILL ON

Russian Forces Are Still Advancing According to Petrograd Despatches.

Particulars regarding the sinking of the Peninsula and Oriental steamship Geelong are still lacking, except that it is known that there was no loss of life when it went down.

The British cabinet is expected to consider the draft of the compulsory bill today. London considers further changes in the cabinet possible owing to divergence of views over this problem.

Petrograd chronicles the continuation of heavy fighting on the front from Volhynia to Bukovina, and claims that the Russian forces are continuing to advance northeast of Czernowitz, despite numerous counter attacks.

Paris reports the failure of a German hand grenade attack, west of Tathure in the Champagne district. There has been great artillery activity in the Vosges south of Hirtzmann-wellerkopf.

A Saloniki despatch declares the Bulgarians are disinclined to embark in a campaign against the Entente forces in Macedonia unless promised rewards in the shape of Macedonian territory.

BLOCKADE OF ISLAND THREATENED BY ALLIES

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The Overseas News Agency says:

"The Entente powers threaten to blockade the island of Mytilene, if the Greek government does not hand over to them two criminals, who were paid by representatives of the Entente to rob Greek mails bound for Athens, and were arrested by Greek police."

"Public opinion in Greece is aroused by the attitude of the Entente powers, which are no inclined to meet the wishes of Greece by liberating the Germans, Austrians, Bulgarian and Turkish consuls arrested at Saloniki."

BABCOCK CHOSEN

As Successor to Effingham B. Morris as Director of Cambria Steel Company.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—An announcement was made today that E. V. Babcock, of Pittsburgh, has been elected a director of the Cambria Steel Company. He succeeds Effingham B. Morris, of Philadelphia, who has resigned.

Arthur E. Newbold, a member of Drexel and Company, the Philadelphia representatives of J. P. Morgan and Company, was elected chairman of the executive committee, and Powell Stockhouse was elected a member of the executive committee.

PRICE DECISION

Of the Supreme Court of England is One of Great Importance to the Empire.

HANOVER, via London, Jan. 4.—In passing upon a petty case of the owner of a delicatessen shop, who was charged with violation of the municipal maximum price regulation, the supreme court has rendered a decision which may become of the utmost significance for the entire empire. The defendant had been found guilty in a lower court of selling Brunswick sausages at a higher price than the maximum for Hanover. She appealed on the ground that the city of Hanover had no right to fix prices of goods brought to Hanover from an outside point. The supreme court sustained this contention.

The court holds that a municipality may establish maximum prices for local products only.

FINE BABY GIRL.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay P. Laughey, of 523 Caroline street, will be interested and pleased to know that Mrs. Laughey presented her husband with a fine baby girl at 5 o'clock this morning. Mother and babe are both doing well. Mr. Laughey has been busy greeting his friends and passing out cigars, and he is not sure whether he will ever go back to work.

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